

## On Syria's Continued Resistance, Russia and the Threat to Western Power

"As a new year begins I wish to reflect on the Syrian government's continued resistance and impending victory?with the help of the Russian military?against western backed terrorist forces. The defense of Syria, after an almost six-year-long proxy offensive against it, has served a blow to the western imperial agenda while greatly strengthening Russia's position globally".. "US Seen As International Bully, Squandering Influence In Middle East"- **r. Ghada Chehade**

"But with US President-elect Donald Trump seemingly intent on a detente with Russia?reports have come out that [Russia is not](#) on Trump's list of Pentagon priorities?the tide could turn. If Trump does indeed plan to improve US-Russia relations, and given Russia's increasing status and global importance, 2017 could mark the beginning of the long transition to a saner and potentially more multi-polar world."...Do we dare hope for such things? The US has been a belligerent bully that has terrorized the entire world?directly or indirectly?for at least the last fifteen years (if not closer to fifty). I believe that much of the world would welcome any changes to global politics and the global balance of power that would have the US become less meddling, less war mongering and generally less imperial/hegemonic."

### **Dr. Ghada Chehade concludes**

"It remains to be seen what will happen. But one thing is certain: with respect to the West's imperial agenda, 2016 has been a welcome failure. Despite western mainstream media's and global neo-liberal/neo-con propaganda campaign against 'evil Russia-Putin' and its insistence on the need to oust the 'Syrian regime' ? at the end of 2016, these two stand as robust as ever. Indeed each of these targets has arguably been made more powerful and more relevant due to the west's (and its allies') colossal miscalculations. The fear-mongering campaign has backfired and has, ironically, helped elevate the status and influence of Russia and the Syrian government as we enter the New Year."

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